

**In the Claims:**

Amend claim 1 and cancel claim 3

1. (Currently amended). A motor-driven saber saw (2), comprising a housing (4) having a neck (8) that serves as a handle and has a tool opening (6); guide means (22) for guiding the saber saw (2) on a workpiece and releasably connectable to the housing (4) in a region of the neck (8), the guide means (22) including connection means (21) for connecting the guide means (22) to the housing (4), the housing (4) having connecting means (16) for guiding the connection means (21); an adjusting device (30) mountable on the connecting means (16) for securing the connection means (21) to the housing; and a rectilinear spring member (36) for biasing the adjusting device (30) to a locking position thereof and extending substantially in a longitudinal direction of the housing neck (8), wherein all of the support regions of the adjusting device (30) on the housing (4) an the housing (4) have a common release direction (E).

2. (Original). A motor-driven saber saw according to Claim 1, wherein the spring member (36) is formed as a springy bar.

3. (Canceled).

4. (Original). A motor-driven saber saw according to Claim 1, wherein the adjusting device (30) is secured on the housing (4) with a single fastening element.

5. (Original). A motor-driven saber saw according to Claim 4, wherein the fastening element comprises a screw 44 which, together with a rib (42) provided on the housing (4), form clamping means (46) for securing the spring member (36).

6. (Original). A motor-driven saber saw according to Claim 1, wherein the adjusting device (30) comprises a locking member (34) which is provided on a housing side (28) and which extends in the locking position of adjusting device (30) through a housing opening (32) and engages the connection means (21); and a rocking member (60) having an actuation element (62) at one end thereof and an adjusting element (58) at another, opposite end thereof that upon the actuation element (62) being pressed in a direction toward the housing side (28), displaces the locking member (34) in a direction away from the housing side (28).

7. (Original). A motor-driven saber saw according to Claim 6, further comprising a hand-protecting member (10) securable on the housing (4), and

wherein the rocking member (60) is located in a support receptacle limited by the housing (4) and the hand-protecting member (10).

8. (Original). A motor-driven saber saw according to Claim 7, wherein the hand-protecting member (10) has a flexible region that in a mounted condition of the hand-protecting member (10) lies on the actuation element (62) of the rocking member (60).

9. (Original). A motor-driven saber saw according to Claim 8, wherein the flexible region (14) has a rippled surface.